

PRESS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**RE: County reviews feasibility of using existing North Bay Sewer Collection System to
serve Belfair**

Mason County recently completed the North Bay water reclamation and sewer collection system serving the Allyn area. In the planning and design phase of the project, information was gathered relating to the projected capacity, number of connections and the associated costs.

Mason County has also completed the Belfair/Lower Hood Canal Water Reclamation Facility Plan. The Department of Ecology has approved this plan and money has been made available to move forward with the design and specifications. The plan envisioned a separate, new facility located near Belfair.

After further review and based on more current information, it may be more cost effective to utilize the existing North Bay facility to serve Belfair.

To provide the opportunity for public input and review, the Department of Utilities & Waste Management has scheduled two public meetings. The first meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Port of Allyn building in Allyn. The second meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire District No. 2 building in Belfair. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

If there are any questions, please contact Gary Yando, 427-9670, ext. 270.

Ron Henrickson, Mason County Administrator